

SBA DISASTER NEWS

Federal Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma counties; and Louisiana parishes have until March 22, 2004 to apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to businesses that experienced financial losses as a result of severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred May 2 – June 10, 2003. Physical losses caused by the disaster cannot be covered by these loans. These loans are available to businesses which meet the SBA size standards and cannot meet their disaster-related financial needs through other sources. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these loans. Businesses in the following counties and parishes are eligible to apply:

Arkansas:

Arkansas	Craighead	Independence	Monroe	Saline
Ashley	Crittenden	Izard	Nevada	Sharp
Baxter	Cross	Jackson	Ouachita	St. Francis
Benton	Desha	Jefferson	Perry	Stone
Carroll	Drew	Lafayette	Phillips	Union
Chicot	Faulkner	Lawrence	Pike	Van Buren
Clark	Fulton	Lee	Poinsett	Washington
Cleburne	Garland	Lonoke	Pope	White
Columbia	Greene	Madison	Prairie	Woodruff
Conway	Hempstead	Mississippi	Pulaski	Yell

Missouri:

Barry Howell Oregon
Dunklin McDonald Ozark

Oklahoma:

Adair Delaware

Louisiana:

Claiborne Morehouse West Carroll
East Carroll Webster

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA, toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. Applications must be received no later than **March 22, 2004**.

For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.